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<b>In Re Application of:</b>	Gordan J. Kocur
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Before beginning examination and calculating the fees in this application, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below:

**In the Specification:**

On page 1 of the Specification, please insert a new section after the Title as follows:

--Cross-Reference to Related Applications

This application is a Continuation application of Application No. 09/232,404, filed January 15, 1999, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference --.

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 2-29 without prejudice or disclaimer.

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**REMARKS**

The specification of the application has been amended to reflect that this application is a Continuation application of US Application No. 09/232,404 filed January 15, 1999, the content of which is hereby incorporated by reference. Applicant has included a marked-up replacement paragraph indicating the changes that have been made to the specification.

Applicant has also canceled claims 2-29 without prejudice or disclaimer. The canceled claims were prosecuted in the parent application. Claim 1 is pending.

Respectfully submitted,  
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